

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A fall board stopper for stopping a fall board of a keyboard instrument whose backend portion is pivotally supported in a free rotation manner when the fall board is opened or closed, said fall board stopper comprising:

a first stopper member attached to either a prescribed part of the keyboard instrument or the fall board at a prescribed position; and

a second stopper member attached to the other of the keyboard instrument and the fall board,

wherein the second stopper member engages with an engagement portion of the first stopper member when the fall board is opened.

2. (Currently Amended) A fall board stopper ~~according to claim 1, for stopping a fall board of a keyboard instrument whose backend portion is pivotally supported in a free rotation manner when the fall board is opened or closed, said fall board stopper comprising:~~

a first stopper member attached to either a prescribed part of the keyboard instrument or the fall board at a prescribed position; and

a second stopper member attached to the other of the keyboard instrument and the fall board,

wherein the second stopper member engages with an engagement portion of the first stopper member when the fall board is opened, and wherein the engagement portion of the first stopper member is a hollow, which is engaged with the second stopper member corresponding to a plate spring.

3. (Currently amended) [[A]] The fall board stopper according to claim 1, wherein the engagement portion of the first stopper member is a recess, which is engaged with the second stopper member corresponding to a ball plunger.

4. (Currently amended) [[A]] The fall board stopper according to claim 1, wherein the engagement portion of the first stopper member is a hollow, which is engaged with the second stopper member corresponding to a solenoid.

5. (Currently Amended) A fall board stopper according to claim 2, for stopping a fall board of a keyboard instrument whose backend portion is pivotally supported in a free rotation manner when the fall board is opened or closed, said fall board stopper comprising:
a first stopper member attached to either a prescribed part of the keyboard instrument or the fall board at a prescribed position; and
a second stopper member attached to the other of the keyboard instrument and the fall board,
wherein the second stopper member engages with an engagement portion of the first stopper member when the fall board is opened, wherein the engagement portion of the first stopper member is a hollow, which is engaged with the second stopper member corresponding to a plate spring, and wherein when the fall board is opened, a tip end portion of the plate spring slides along a slope of the first stopper member and is engaged with the hollow.

6. (Currently amended) [[A]] The fall board stopper according to claim 3, wherein when the fall board is opened, a ball partially projected outside from the ball plunger is engaged with the recess of the first stopper member.